(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government's Youth Affairs and Sports Department Budget is comparatively lower in comparison to other countries, which is the main reason for Indian Atheletes not succeeding in Olympic and all other International competition; and

(b) if so, the strategy to improve India's position in International competition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government Strategy to improve Indian position in international competition includes provision of necessary support to the National Sports Federations for the training and preparation of national athletes. This includes the creation of state-of-the-art sports infrastructure, competition exposure (both domestic and international), equipment support, scientific support, engagement of coaches, including foreign coaches etc. For the first time, the Government has launched a major scheme of Rs.678 crore for the training and preparation of our athletes for their participation in the CWG, 2010. This scheme provides focused and need-based support in all the sports disciplines included in CWG 2010, with a view to maximize our medal prospects. Similar efforts are also on for the preparation of our national athletes for participation in other major international sports events such as Asian Games and world championships. With the objective of providing basic sports infrastructure and access to organized sports at the village level, the Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan has been launched from this financial year. This would also widen the base of talented sportspersons for international competition.

Recognition to Roll Ball Association

551. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the action Government has taken regarding grant of official recognition to the Roll Ball Association of India; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL) (a) and (b) The proposal of Roll Ball Federation of India for grant of recognition is pending consideration, as the guidelines for grant of recognition under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations is under the process of revision.

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12.00 Noon

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Urban Development

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Sir, I lay on the Table, under section 58 of the Delhi Development Act 1957, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Urban Development: